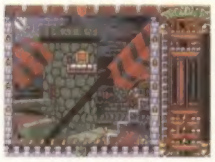
RECOMMENDED...

It's frightening how many new games are released on Amiga each month. And it's even more frightening to consider how few of them are actually any good. So every issue we remove a little strife from your life, and present for you here, in easily-digestible form, what we believe to be the very finest pick of the latest crop...



TRODDLERS (Storm)

Well, is it like Lemmings or not? It depends on who you speak to, but one thing's for sure, it's a Premier League game. Combining traditional puzzle and arcade elements, it certainly sounds like Lemmings on paper - guide the hapless little men across traps and pitfalls to a safe haven - but in practice is plays with a style and verve all of its own. If the only thing you use your brain for is to keep the top of your head caving in, this is not for you, but if you're after a mental challenge to keep you going into the small hours, you'll love it.

85%

FIREFORCE (ICE)

One of those games you'll either love or hate - and we love it. Sure, it lacks technical sophistication. Sure, the graphics are nothing to shout about. But playability's where it counts, and Fireforce has got bundles of the stuff. Take your Green Beret hardman through 12 missions around the world, shooting down and blowing up everything in his path. A plethora of nice touches raise Fireforce above the usual shoot'em-up ranks, and anyone who isn't put off by its rather graphic portrayal of violence will have a very merry time here.

90%

ZOOL (Gremlin)

Sonic the Hedgehog? Chronic the Smedgebog more like. Zool makes no attempt to hide the fact that it's inspired by the Sega favourite - but it does everything bigger, better and brighter. One of the most chaotic and colourful platform games ever seen, Zool manages to retain its fine playability even at the apex of its breakneck speed. Probably not to everyone's taste (it's the sort of thing that gives parents migraines), but if you can stand the pace, there's little that can offer more in the way of high-speed thrills than this.

87%

ARCHER MACLEAN'S POOL (Virgin)

The follow-up to the mega-selling Jimmy White's Whirlwind Snooker, Archer Maclean's Pool uses the same jaw-dropping 3D graphic techniques to depict the action, but the game is, if anything, more playable this time, simply because Pool is more immediate, accessible and fun than Snooker. There's not really a great deal more to say, except that if you don't enjoy playing this, there must be something fundamentally wrong with you.

90%

PUTTY (System 3)

The weirdest thing we've seen since Wizkid, and one of the most playable too. Putty is like Rainbow Islands on acid, an incredibly frantic platform epic based around the upwardly-mobile exploits of a blob of Putty that can bounce, stretch and absorb his way around any gameplay eventuality. Loads of levels, exquisite cartoon-style graphics and a cacophony of vibrant sampled sound from beginning to end makes Putty a supersonic assault on the senses that you won't want to let up for quite a while. It deserves to be a big hit.

87%

MICROBYTE CHARTS

Month Ending 27th September 1992

FULL-PRICE TOP 40

1 ZOOL (Gremlin)
2 BEAST III (Psygnosis)
3 SENSIBLE SOCCER (Renegade)
4 PGA TOUR GOLF (Electronic Arts)
5 JIMMY WHITE'S WHIRLWIND SNOOKER (Virgin)
6 LEGEND OF ISHAR (Silmarils)
7 MANCHESTER UNITED EUROPE (Krisalis)
8 OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS (Psygnosis)
9 PREMIERE (Core Design)
10 FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX (Microprose)
11 MONKEY ISLAND 2 (US Gold)
12 LURE OF THE TEMPTRESS (Virgin)
13 PROJECT-X (Team 17)
14 HOOK (Ocean)
15 CIVILIZATION (Microprose)
16 WIZKID (Ocean)
17 FIRE & ICE (Renegade)
18 SPACE CRUSADE (Gremlin)
19 LOTUS 2 (Gremlin)
20 BEHOLDER 2 (US Gold)
21 THE GAMES ESPANA 92 (Ocean)
22 EPIC (Ocean)
23 ROBOCOP 3 (Ocean)
24 PRO TENNIS TOUR 2 (UbiSoft)
25 DYNABLASTER (UbiSoft)
26 ROBOCOD (Millennium)
27 DARK QUEEN OF KRYNN (SSI)
28 AIR SUPPORT (Psygnosis)
29 ASHES OF EMPIRE (Mirage)
30 KNIGHTS OF THE SKY (Microprose)
31 DAS BOOT (Mindscape)
32 MEGASPORTS (US Gold)
33 STRIKER (Rage)
34 THE MANAGER (US Gold)
35 A320 AIRBUS (Thalion)
36 THE PERFECT GENERAL (UbiSoft)
37 CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER (Domark)
38 GRAHAM TAYLOR'S SOCCER CHALLENGE (Krisalis)
39 SPECIAL FORCES (Microprose)
40 ALIEN BREED (Team 17)

BUDGET TOP 20

1 SUPER CARS 2 (GBH)
2 FALCON (Action 16)
3 PANZA KICK BOXING (Kixx)
4 CAPTAIN DYNAMO (Codemasters)
5 F-16 COMBAT PILOT (Action 16)
6 PANG (The Hit Squad)
7 BATMAN THE MOVIE (The Hit Squad)
8 LOTUS (GBH)
9 DIZZY PRINCE OF THE YOLKFOLK (Codemasters)
10 FANTASY WORLD DIZZY (Codemasters)
11 TREASURE ISLAND DIZZY (Codemasters)
12 JAMES POND (GBH)
13 RAINBOW ISLANDS (The Hit Squad)
14 BATTLE CHESS (Star Performers)
15 JACK NICKLAUS GOLF (Kixx)
16 SWITCHBLADE II (GBH)
17 NEW ZEALAND STORY (The Hit Squad)
18 IK+ (The Hit Squad)
19 TURRICAN II (Kixx)
20 POPULOUS (Star Performers)

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